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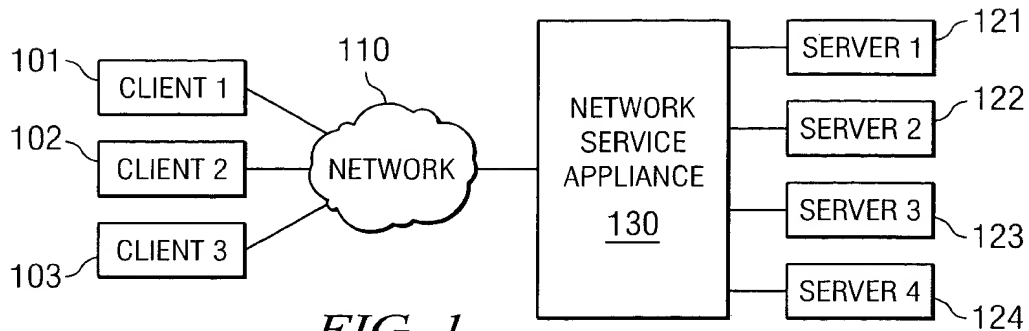


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

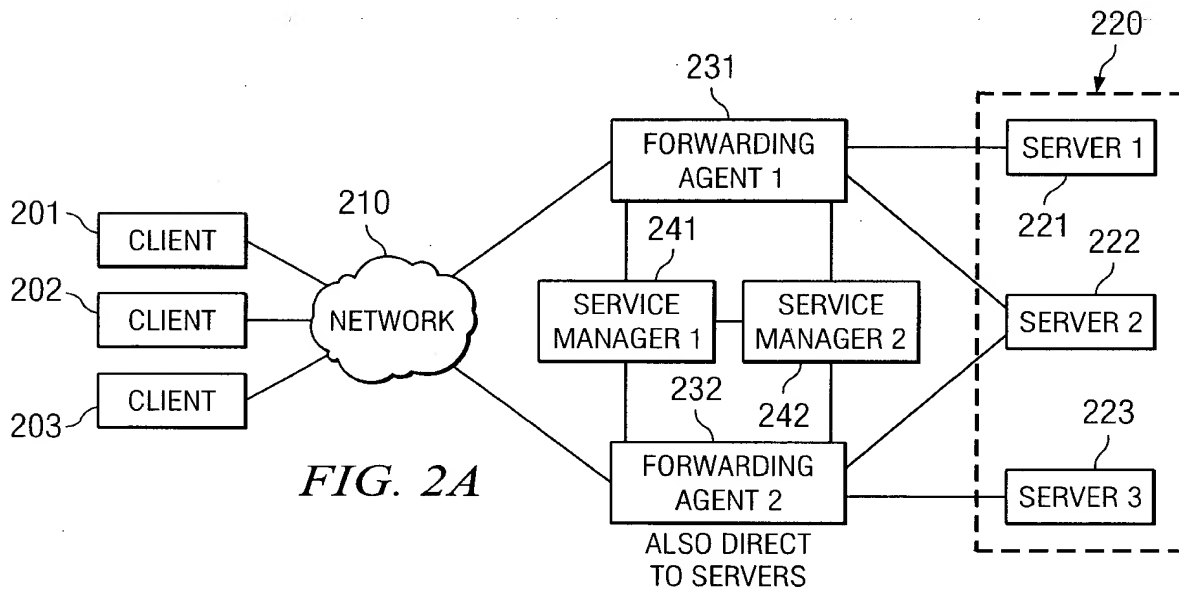


FIG. 2A

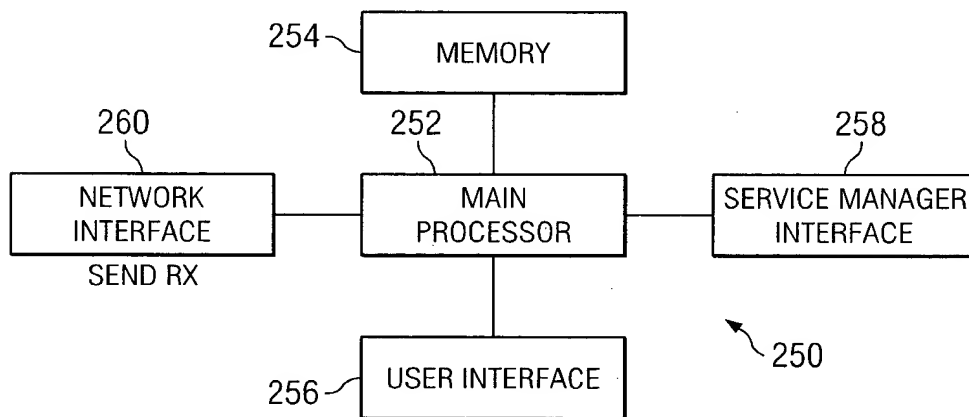


FIG. 2B



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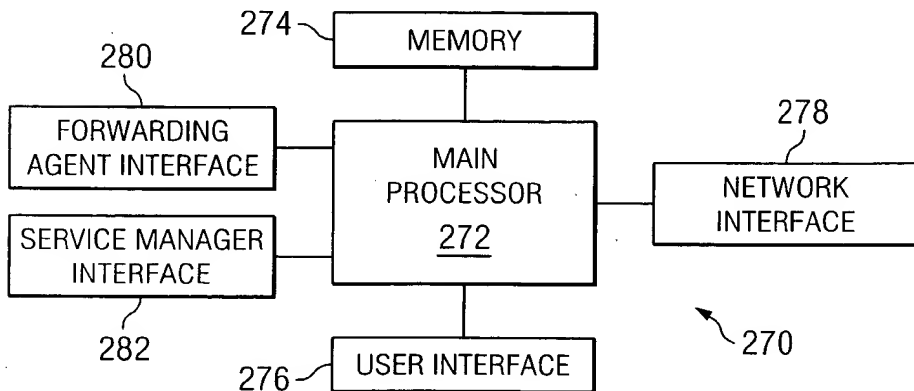


FIG. 2C

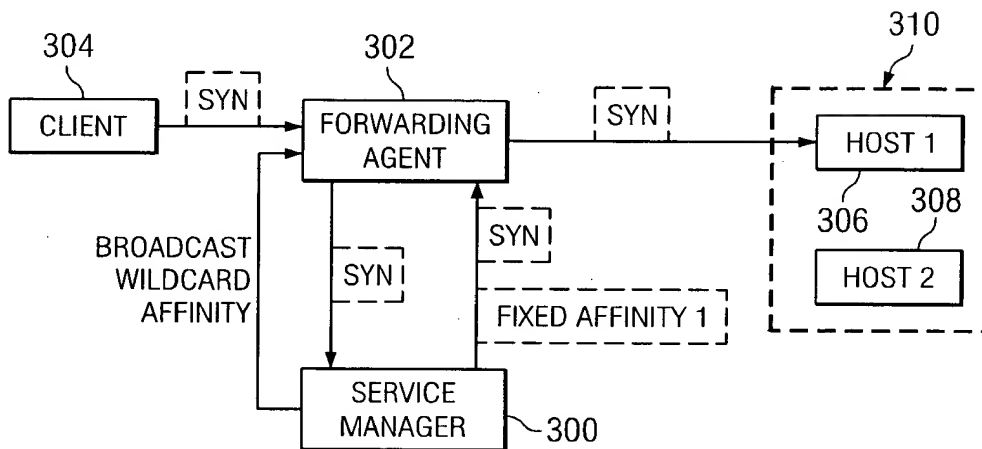


FIG. 3A

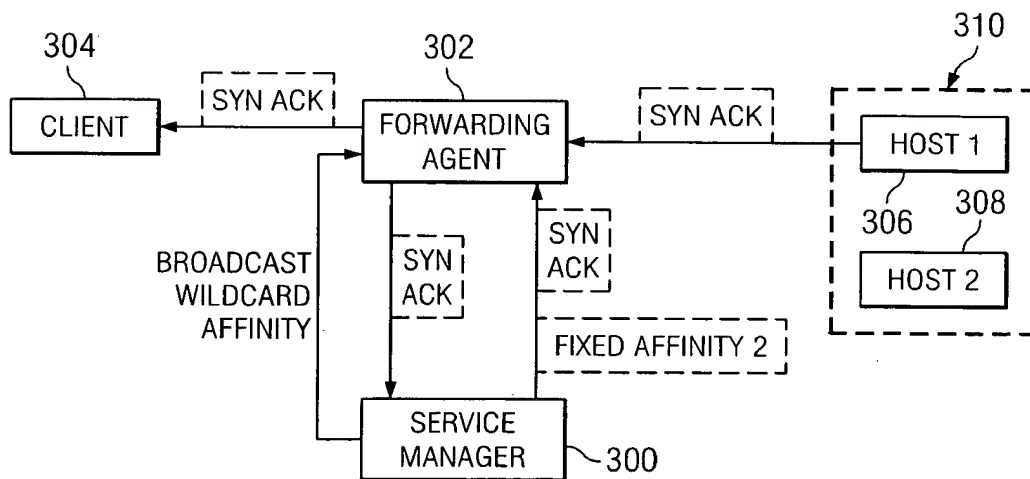


FIG. 3B



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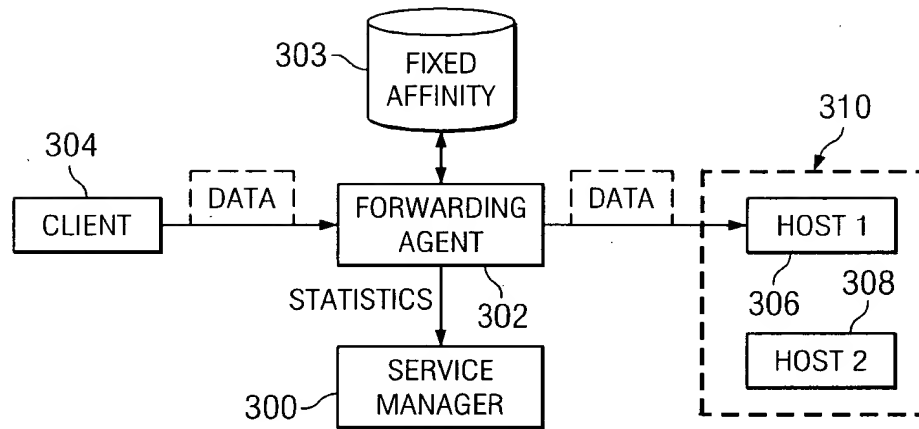


FIG. 3C

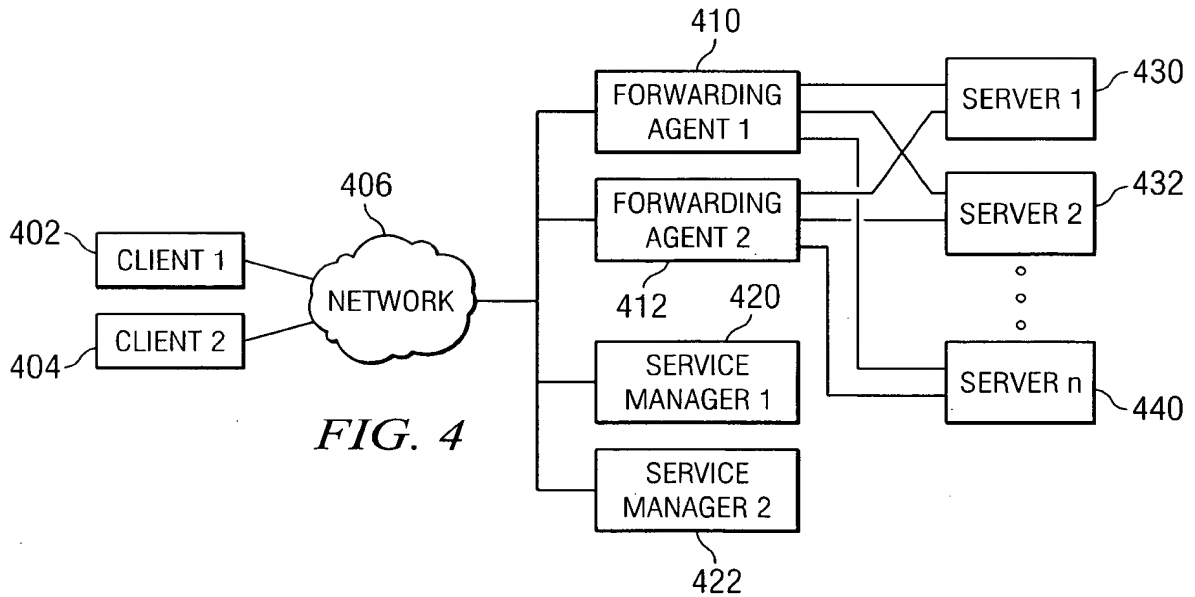
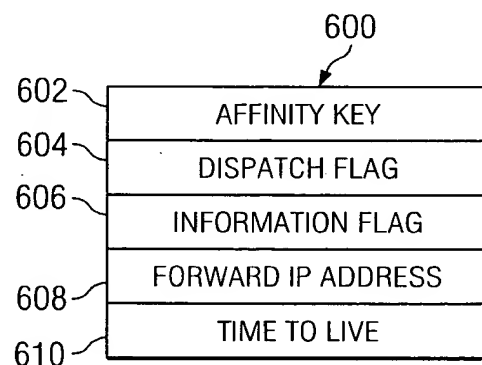
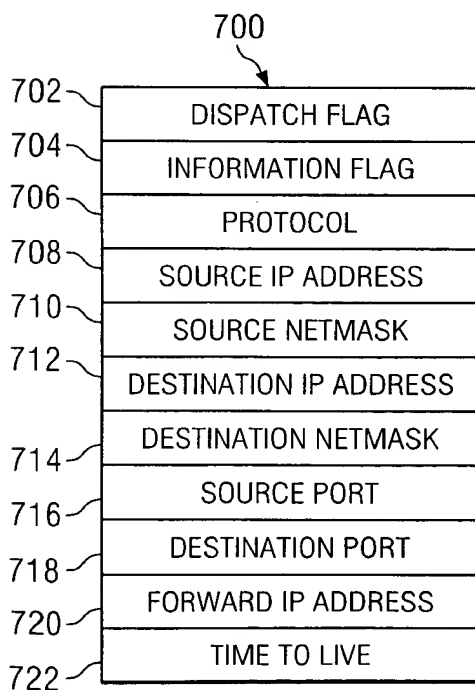
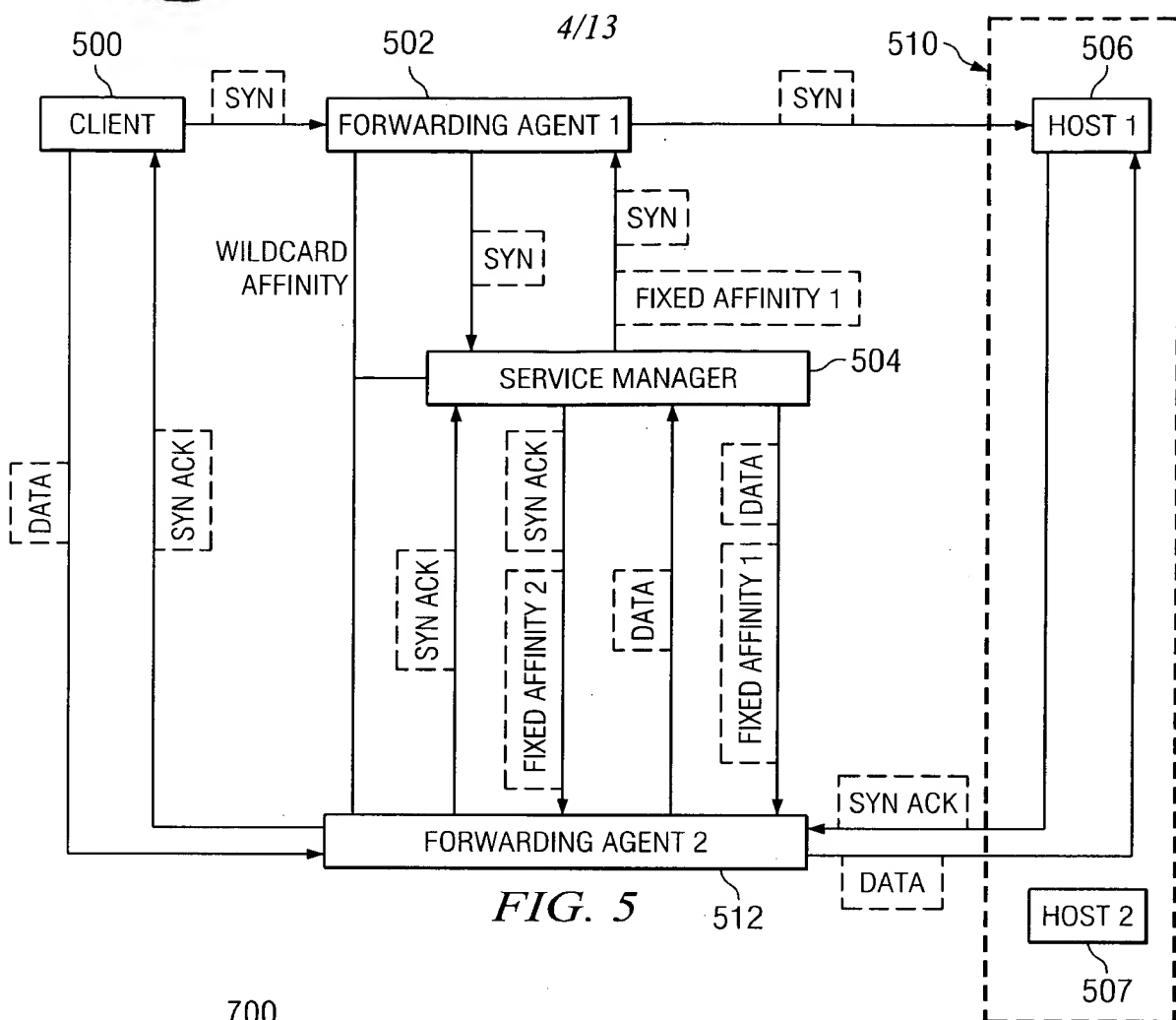


FIG. 4





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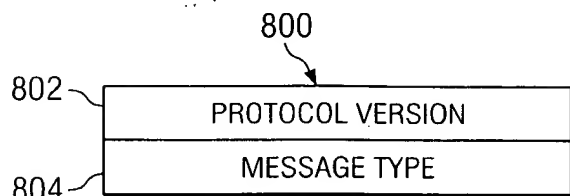


FIG. 8A

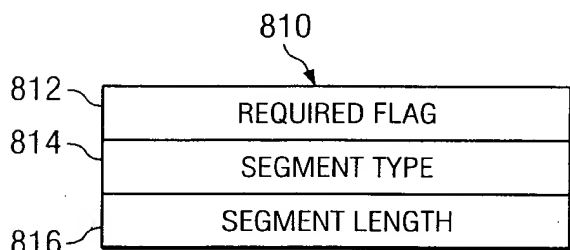


FIG. 8B

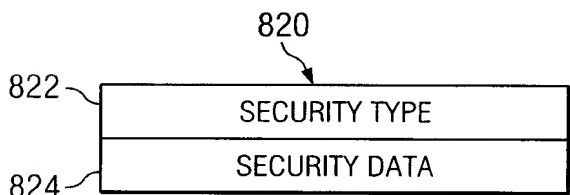


FIG. 8C

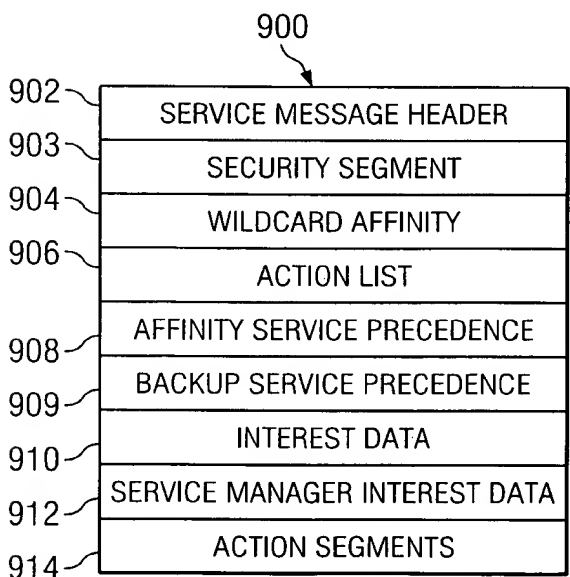


FIG. 9A

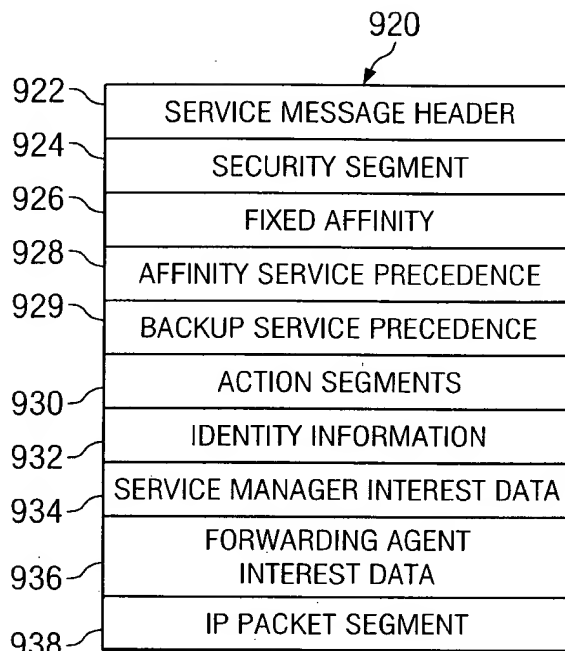


FIG. 9B

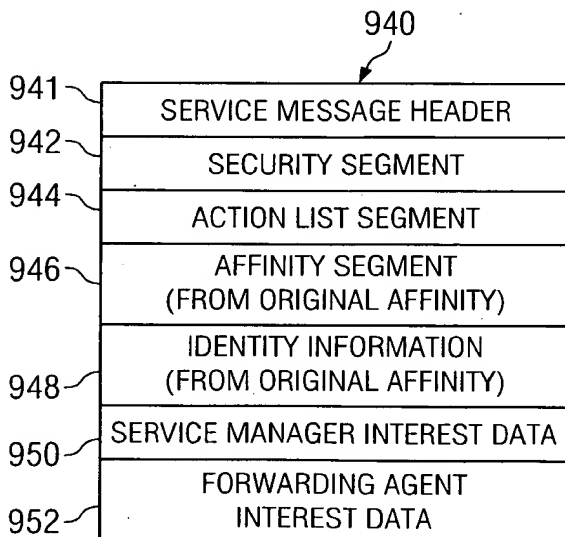


FIG. 9C



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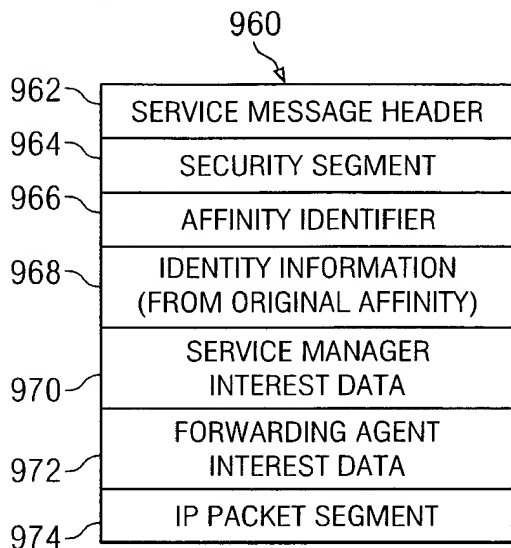


FIG. 9D

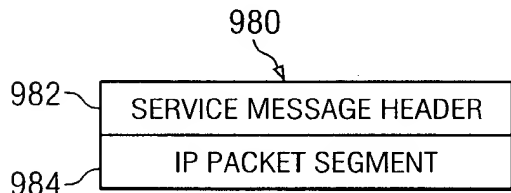


FIG. 9E

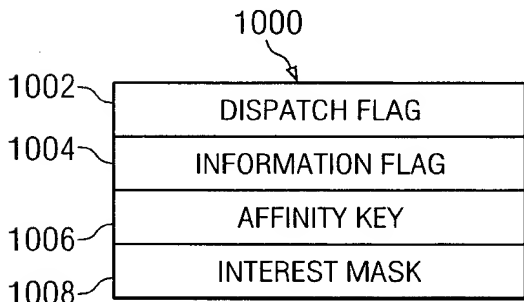


FIG. 10A

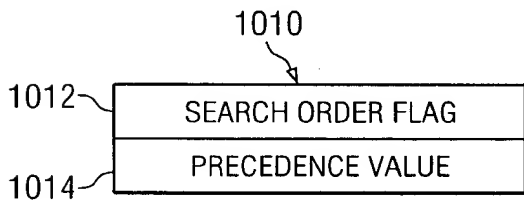


FIG. 10B



FIG. 10C



FIG. 10D

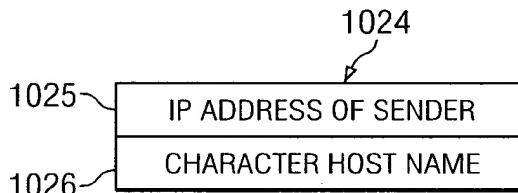


FIG. 10E

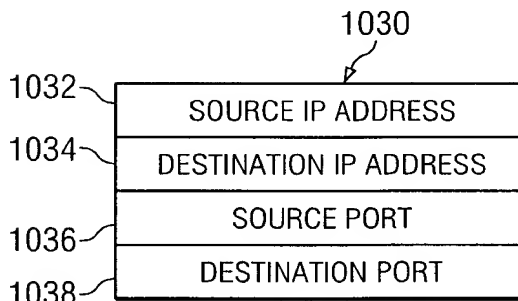


FIG. 10F

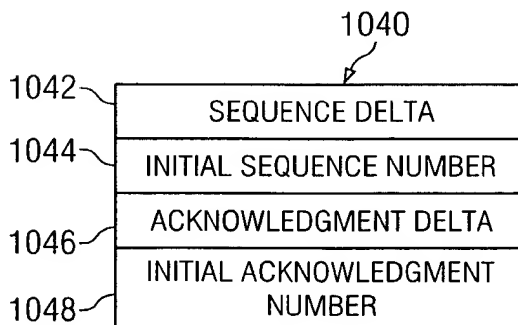


FIG. 10G



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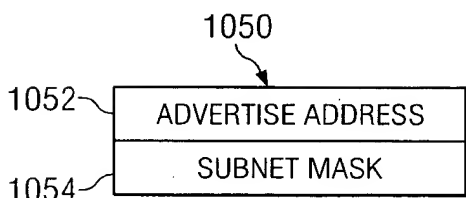


FIG. 10H

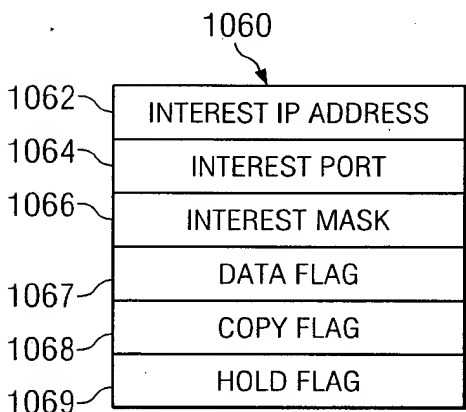


FIG. 10I

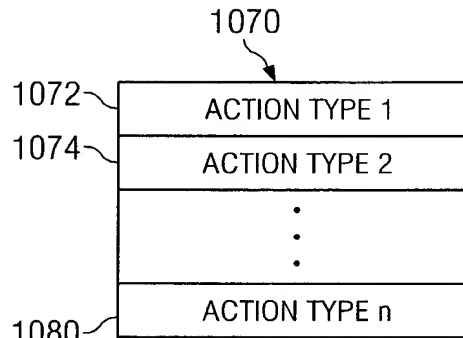


FIG. 10J

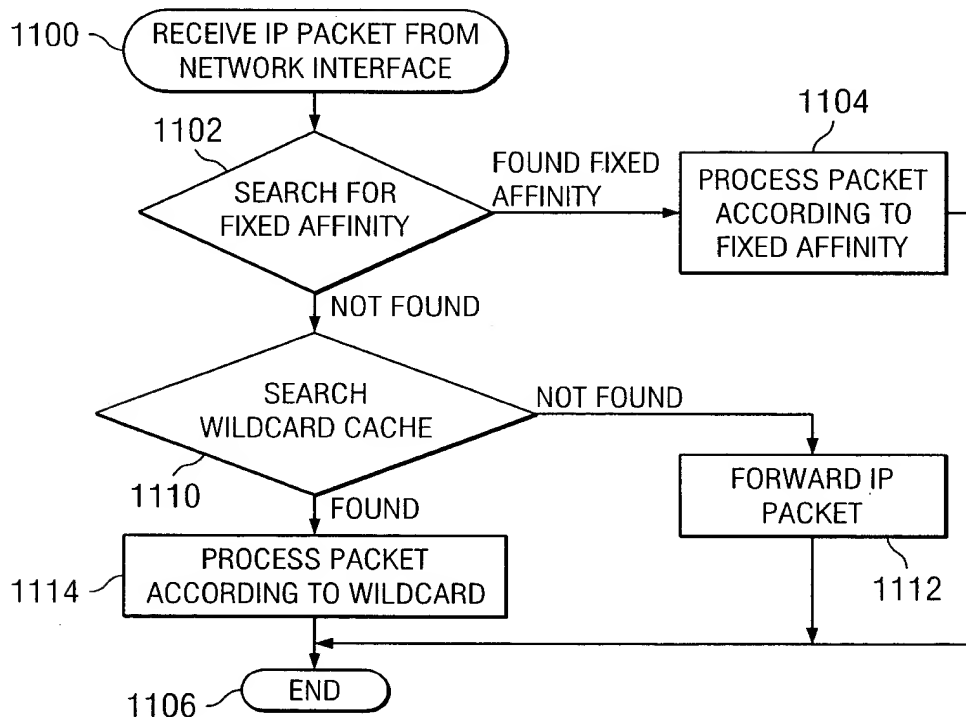


FIG. 11



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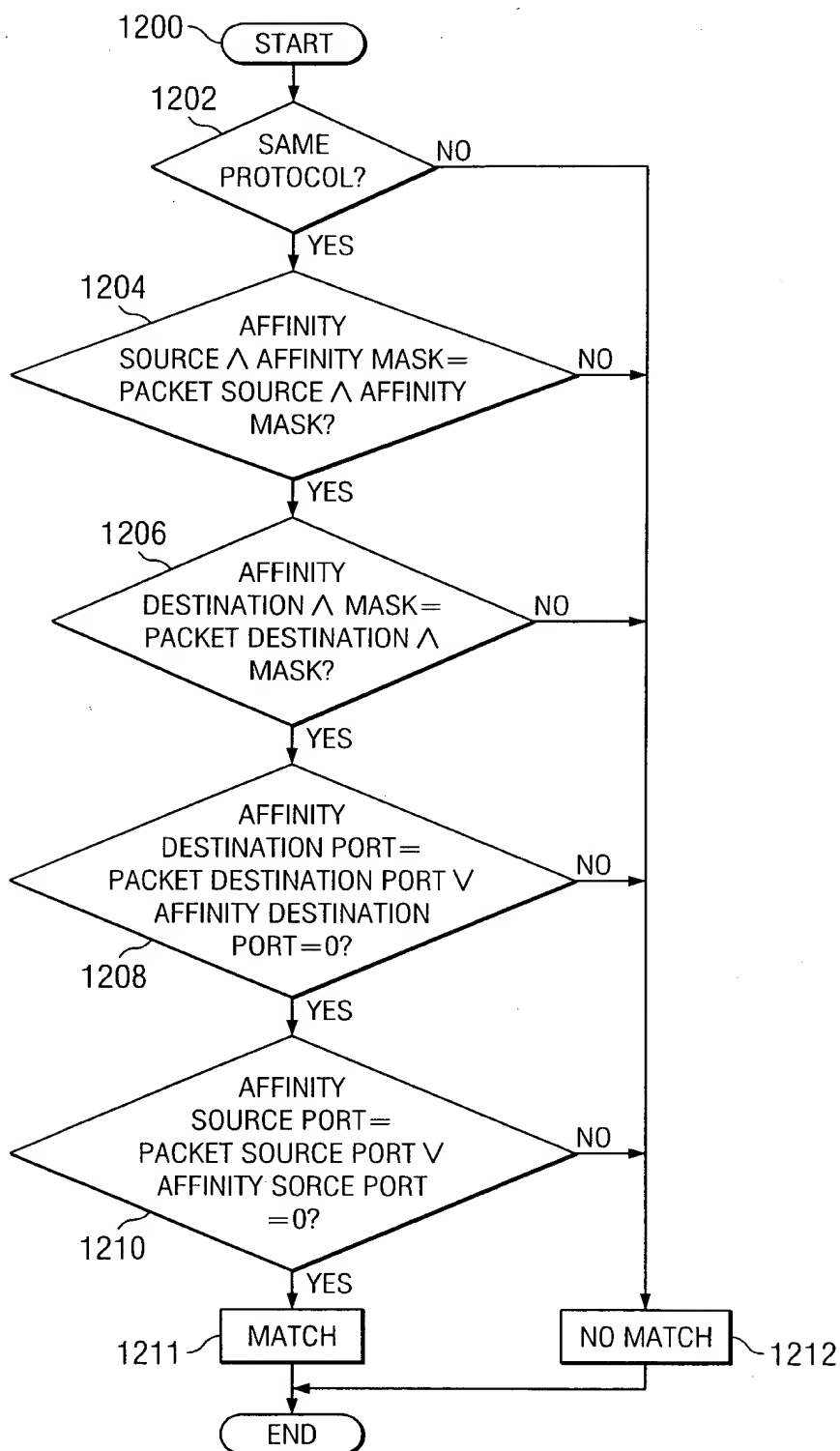


FIG. 12



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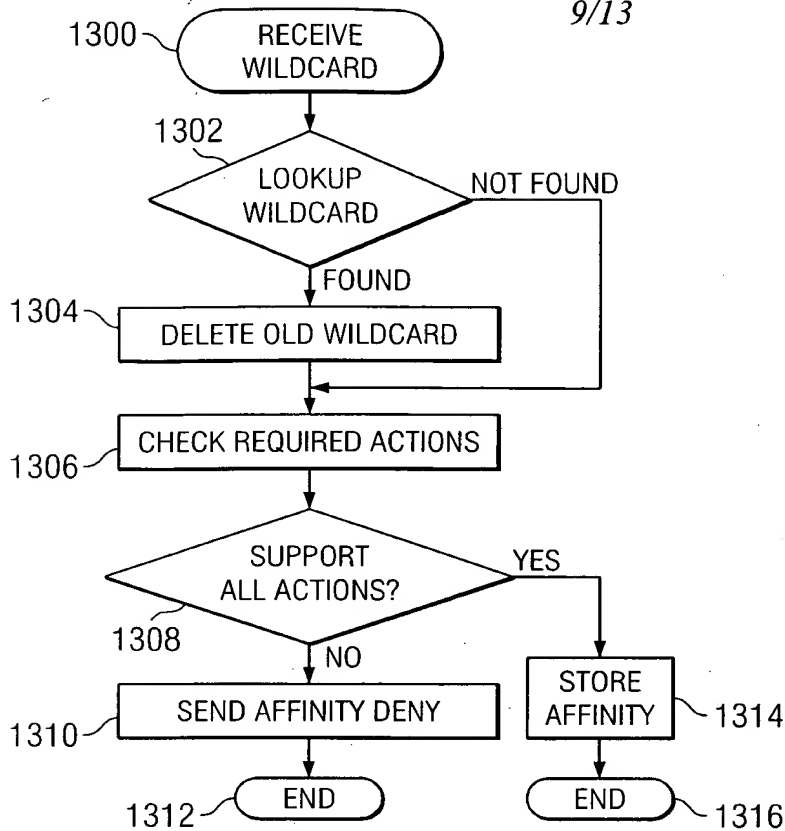


FIG. 13

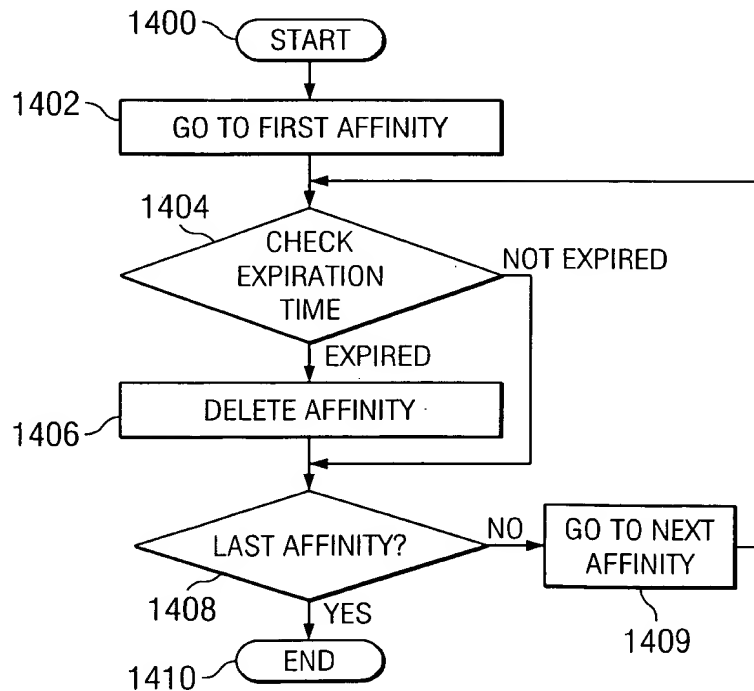


FIG. 14



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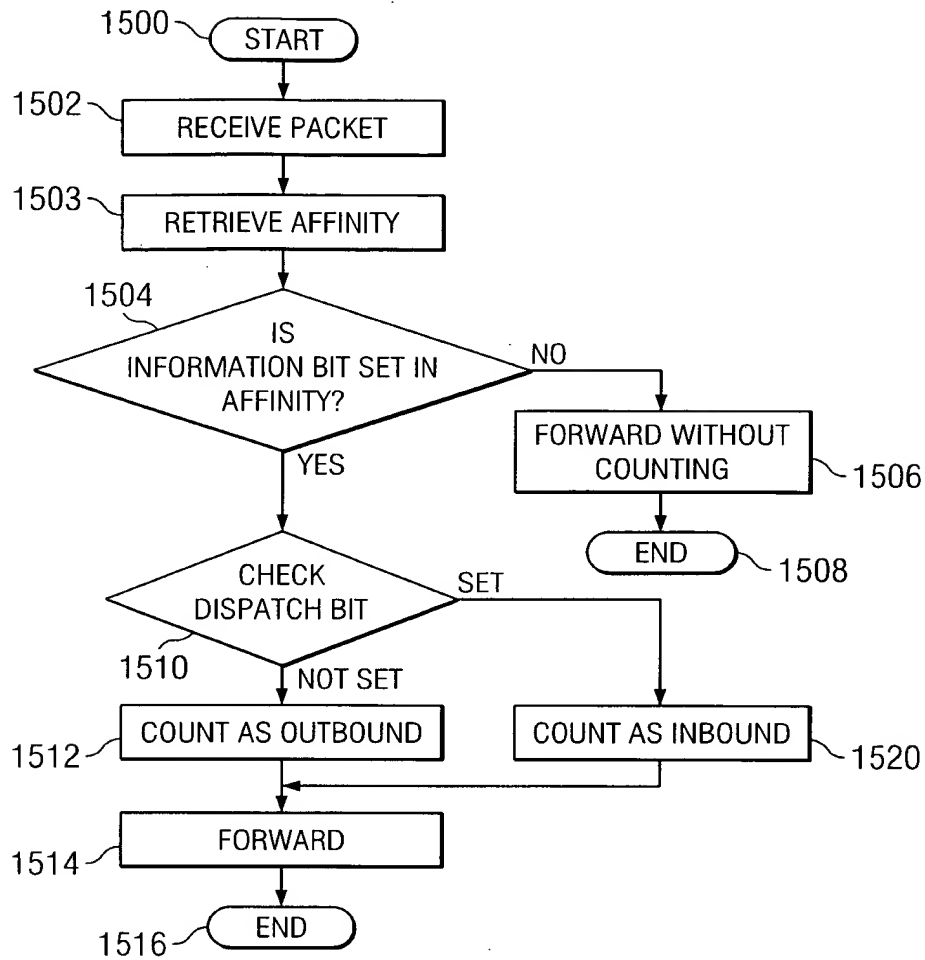


FIG. 15

FORWARDING ADDRESS	INFORMATION	DISPATCH	ACTION
X	0	X	DISPATCH
X	X	0	COUNT OUTBOUND
X	X	X	COUNT INBOUND; DISPATCH
0	X	X	COUNT; DROP
0	0	X	DROP

FIG. 16A



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NAT ADDRESS	INFORMATION	DISPATCH	ACTION
X	X	X	COUNT INBOUND
X	X	0	COUNT OUTBOUND
X	0	—	DO NOT COUNT

FIG. 16B

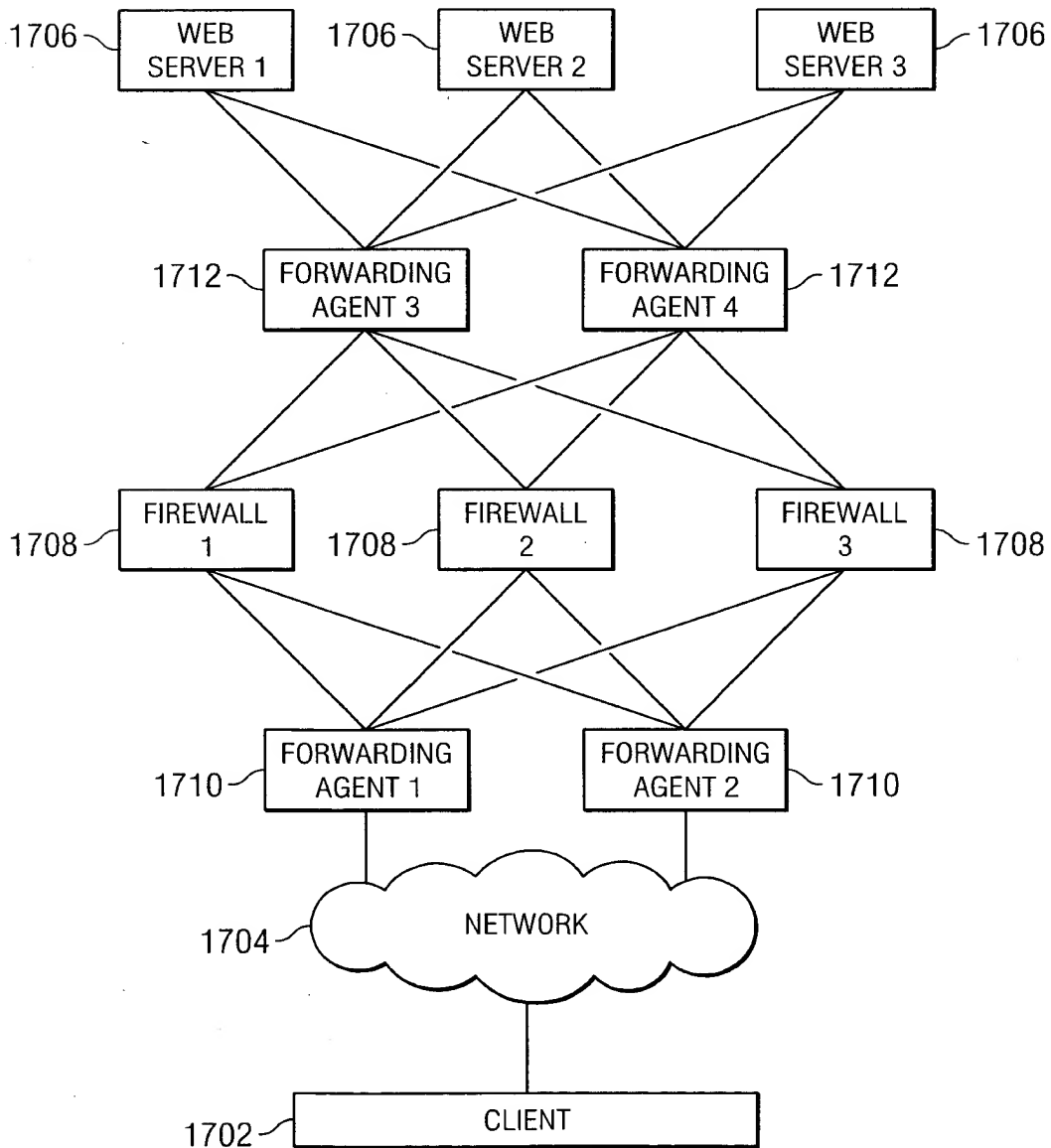


FIG. 17



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TIER 1 FORWARDING AGENTS
FORWARDING AGENT 1
FORWARDING AGENT 2

FIG. 18A

TIER 2 APPLIANCES
SERVER 1
SERVER 2
SERVER 3

FIG. 18D

TIER 2 FORWARDING AGENTS
FORWARDING AGENT 3
FORWARDING AGENT 4

FIG. 18B

TIER 1 APPLIANCES
FIREWALL 1
FIREWALL 2
FIREWALL 3

FIG. 18C

PROTOCOL
CLIENT IP ADDRESS
CLIENT PORT
SERVER IP ADDRESS
SERVER PORT
TIER 1 SERVER
⋮
TIER N SERVER

FIG. 18E

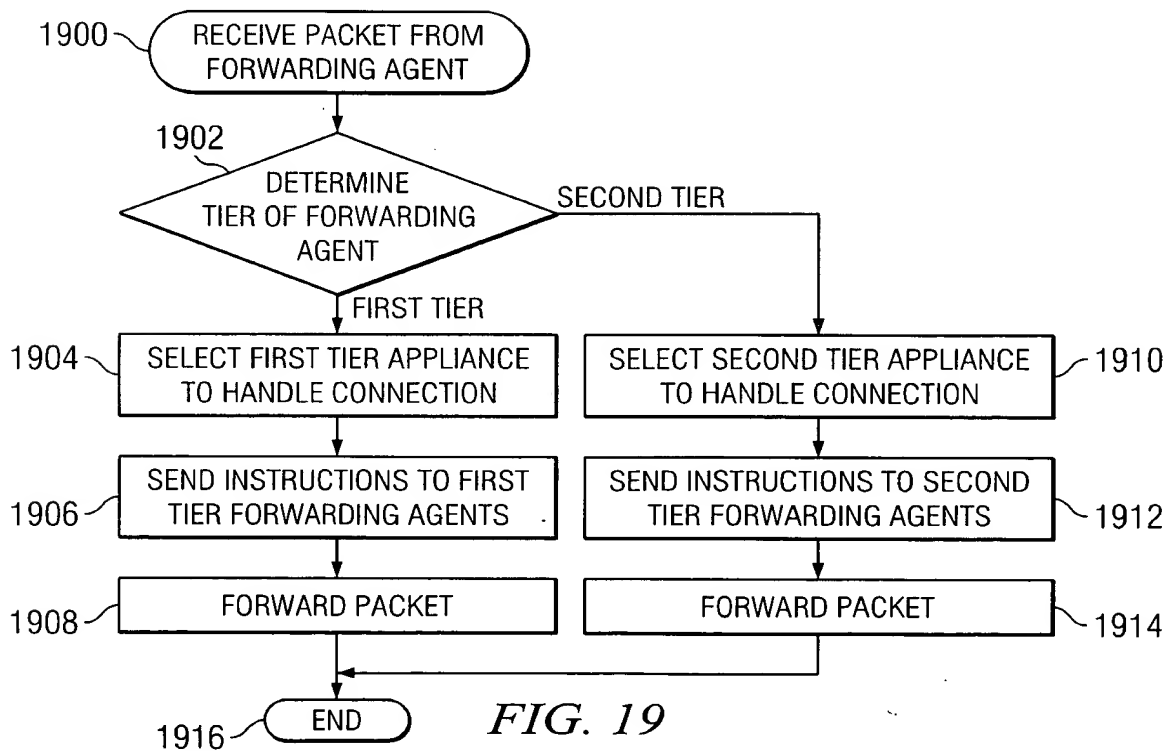


FIG. 19

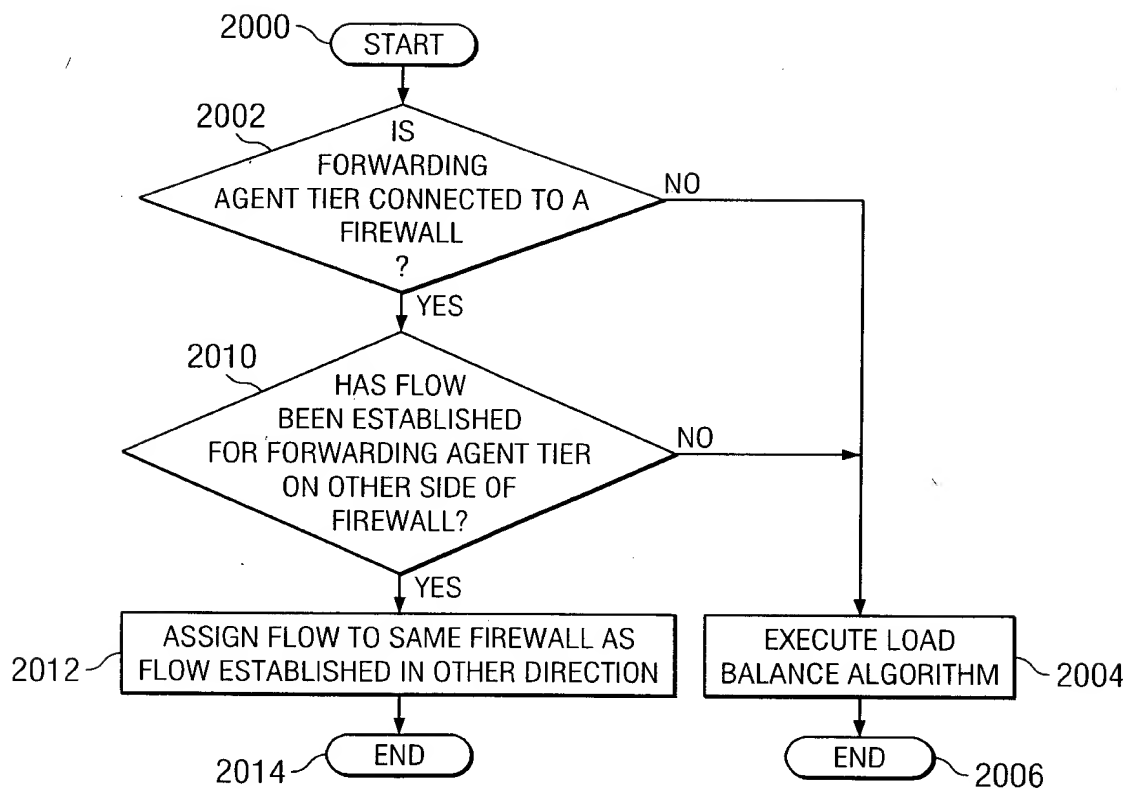


FIG. 20